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SUBJECT: SECOND DAY OF SOWETO WORK BOYCOTT

1. SECOND DAY (SEPTEMBER 14) OF SOWETO WORK BOYCOTT
BEGAN WITH 70 TO 90 PERCENT ABSENTEEISM OF BLACKS
AT JOHANNESBURG PLANTS AND OFFICES. WHILE SOWETO
ITSELF WAS GENERALLY QUIET IN RESPONSE TO STUDENT
LEADERS' CALL FOR NON-VIOLENCE, THERE WERE
SCATTERED INCIDENTS OF SHOOTING AND USE OF TEAR GAS
BY POLICE TO PROTECT THOSE FEW RESIDENTS ATTEMPTING
TO GO TO WORK. TWO BLACKS REPORTED WOUNDED AND SIX
ARRESTED. SOME VEHICLES WERE STONED BY YOUNG
STUDENTS.

2. COMPLAINTS OF STRIKE LEADERS WERE LISTED IN HAND-
BILLS AS POLICE KILLINGS OF STUDENTS IN EARLIER
RIOTS, DETENTION OF BLACK LEADERS WITHOUT TRIAL,
AND DOCKING OF WAGES OF BLACK BOYCOTTERS. BOYCOTT
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LIKELY TO CONTINUE THREE DAYS AND PERHAPS LONGER.

3. POLICE CORDONED OFF NEIGHBORING ALEXANDRA
BLACK TOWNSHIP IN APPARENT EFFORT TO PREVENT
SPREAD OF SOWETO WORK BOYCOTT THERE AND TO PROVIDE
PROTECTION FOR THOSE WISHING TO GO TO WORK.
MANY HUNDREDS OF STAY-AT-HOMES AND POSSIBLE
INTIMIDATORS WERE ARRESTED AND DETAINED. POLICE
CLAIMED, HOWEVER, THEY WERE ONLY ROUNDING UP
"TSOTSIS, CRIMINAL ELEMENTS, AND THE CHRONICALLY
UNEMPLOYED."

4. CONGEN AND USIS BLACK EMPLOYEES STILL ABSENT.
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